

PHILADELPHIA FLAME SWEEP Two Million Dollars Worth of Property Destroyed.

IN BUSINESS SECTION Fire Starts in the Store of Partridge and Richardson—The Establishments of J. B. Lippincott, Strawbridge & Clothier Also Badly Damaged—Two Thousand Are Thrown Out of Employment.

Philadelphia, Nov. 29.—Nearly \$2,000,000 worth of property was destroyed by two fires in the heart of the business section of the city early today. The greater of the two fires started in the big department store of Partridge & Richardson, southeast corner of Eleventh and Filbert streets, the very center of the shopping district, at 6:50 a. m., and before the flames had been put under control they spread to adjoining property and caused a loss of about \$1,700,000. While this fire was in progress and spreading momentum another fire broke out four blocks away on the fourth floor of No. 419 Market street. The loss at this fire is estimated at \$110,000. The loss of the two fires are more than covered by insurance.

The Eleventh street fire was a very ugly one for the firemen to handle. Eighth street and Filbert street are very narrow thoroughfares. There was a strong wind blowing at the time, and the fire fighters had great difficulty in preventing the flames from getting a good hold on the buildings on the opposite sides of these streets. As it was many of the structures and their contents were badly scorched and damaged by water. It took four hours to get the flames under control.

The fire started in the basement of Partridge & Richardson's store from an electric spark, and soon the entire building was a mass of flames. The two stories to the south of Partridge & Richardson were soon gutted and then the flames attacked the big building of the J. B. Lippincott Publishing company, on Filbert street, east of the burning department store. This publishing house is one of the best known in the country, many high class reference books, periodicals and numerous other publications being produced by the firm. The building was completely ruined. In this building stored away in vaults was nearly half a million dollars worth of manuscripts, plates and other material for reference books, and it is not yet known whether they were destroyed.

Little Brothers' large department store, which adjoins the Lippincott building, and which is valued, with its contents, at over \$1,000,000, was saved, but only after the contents of one corner of the building had been damaged. Strawbridge & Clothier, another large department store on the west side of Eleventh street, also had a narrow escape and the building and contents were damaged to the extent of about \$50,000. A number of other business houses, including the stores of Partridge & Richardson's, were either entirely destroyed or badly damaged.

The estimated losses are: Partridge & Richardson, \$1,700,000; J. B. Lippincott Publishing company, \$600,000; Artman & Treichel, wholesale house furnishings, \$100,000; Little Brothers, \$85,000; Strawbridge & Clothier, \$50,000; Bailey's Five and Ten Cent store, \$50,000; Rosenbergs' clothing store, \$20,000; Partridge & Sons' restaurant, \$20,000; Westcott & Thompson, electrotypers, \$10,000.

Additional losses aggregating about \$25,000 are divided among A. L. Williams, gloves; Little Jet Jewelry store; Madras Fashion hair store; C. Eastburn, corsets; H. Moschick, restaurant; P. T. Hallahan, shoes; R. Goldberg, millinery and cloaks; Woolworth's five and ten cent store; P. J. Hallahan, shoes; Samuel D. Levy, small wares; E. Dean & Company, perfumery; G. Ulrich, wire workers. All the losses are covered by insurance.

The second fire was discovered at 7:20 o'clock in the four story building at 419 Market street occupied by several manufacturers and wholesale dealers. The entire building was gutted, as was also the adjoining building, No. 417. The estimated loss is \$110,000, distributed as follows: A. G. Dowle, wholesale stationer, \$15,000; W. Harris & Sons, wholesale boots and shoes, \$25,000; K. Katz, clothing manufacturer, \$10,000; R. Feinberg, clothing manufacturer, \$5,000, and \$15,000 divided among Hoffman, Cochran & Company, wholesale cordage and wadding; A. J. Bates, boots and shoes; Sullivan, Hetrick & Company, notions; D. Matusow & Company, shirts; S. Ronovo, shirts and waists. The loss on the building is estimated at \$40,000.

Over two thousand persons are thrown out of employment by the fires, but proprietors of other department stores offer temporary employment to all of Partridge & Richardson's nine hundred employees at the salaries they received from the burned out firm.

Dream' having only been finished a few weeks ago. It is also said that the plates illustrating the medical works of Dr. Barton Hirst, of the University of Pennsylvania, the famous obstetrician, have been destroyed. The illustrations, mostly used for color work, are among the finest in the world.

THE TOUR SUCCESSFUL. Lord Mayor of London Has Secured Funds to Save Parnell Estate.

Washington, Nov. 29.—The Right Hon. Daniel Tallon, lord mayor of Dublin, accompanied by his private secretary, Mr. Kennedy, arrived in Washington today. Tallon, by appointment, the mayor and his secretary, accompanied by Hon. Daniel Murphy, of this city, and Commissioner Powderly, of the Immigration bureau, visited the white house and spent half an hour in conversation with the president. The president observed with interest the United States for home on Saturday. The lord mayor received a large number of visitors at his rooms at the Arlington during the evening, to whom he expressed great pleasure for the courtesies shown him while in this country, and for the generous reception of the people in aid of the object which brought him to America. He referred to the intense enthusiasm everywhere displayed to honor the memory of Parnell, and stated it to be the intention of the committee having in charge the erection of a monument to the dead leader in Dublin, to place the order for it in the hands of an American sculptor.

The lord mayor also said he had assurances from Richard Croker that the Parnell home at Avondale, Wicklow, would be secure and that funds would be forthcoming to redeem it. About \$25,000 has been realized from the tour of the lord mayor and Mr. Richmond, M. P.

TWO IMPORTANT SUITS. Involving the Right of Military Authorities.

Jacksonville, Fla., Nov. 29.—Two important suits involving the right of military authorities to close stores which are detrimental to the health of soldiers were decided today. The United States is the real defendant in both, although both were directed against Colonel W. T. Durbin, who commanded the One Hundred and Sixty-third Indiana regiment in Jacksonville in the camp of 1898. Two merchants who established stores near the regiment and sold fruit, liquor and other prohibited articles, and refused against Colonel W. T. Durbin, who commanded the One Hundred and Sixty-third Indiana regiment in Jacksonville in the camp of 1898. Two merchants who established stores near the regiment and sold fruit, liquor and other prohibited articles, and refused against Colonel W. T. Durbin, who commanded the One Hundred and Sixty-third Indiana regiment in Jacksonville in the camp of 1898.

TWELFTH JUROR DRAWN. Mollieux Case Will Begin in Earnest Today.

New York, Nov. 29.—The twelfth and last juror in the case of Roland B. Mollieux, on trial on the charge of causing the death of Mrs. Katherine J. Adams, was secured at 5 o'clock this afternoon. Juror No. 12 is Frederick B. Crane, a correspondent for the American Book company. After the ceremony of administering the oath to Mr. Crane, Recorder Gott turned to the jury and explained that both the prosecution and the defense had consented to an adjournment until Monday, tomorrow being Thanksgiving day.

TUCHSCHMIDT SHORT \$7,000. Missing Cashier Made a Confession to Inspector.

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 29.—The Post-Dispatch today says: "Arnold Tuschmidt, the missing cashier of the internal revenue department, is said to be short in his accounts over \$7,000. It is also said the amount may run into larger figures. Inspector William Garrett, who is investigating his books, discovered discrepancies today which will substantially increase all previous estimates of shortage. The warrant issued for Tuschmidt's arrest charges him with having embezzled \$7,000. It will take several days, Inspector Garrett says, to complete the investigation. Tuschmidt made a full confession to the treasury inspector Monday."

TRAIN STRIKES A STAGE. Three Women Are Killed by Cars Near Hazleton.

Hazleton, Pa., Nov. 29.—The Pennsylvania railroad train due here at 9:02 this morning struck Chery's stage, running from Hazleton to Harwood, at the Cranberry crossing, killing three women who were in the stage. The killed are: Miss Davidson, of Griffiths; Mrs. Ellen E. Goshawk, of Butler Valley; and Miss Brisel, of Butler Valley. Toney Creby, the driver of the stage, was injured.

Steamship Arrivals. New York, Nov. 29.—Sailed: Teutonic, for Liverpool; Kennington, for Antwerp; the S. S. "Spartan," for London; Le Normandie, for Havre; Werkenium, for Amsterdam. Southampton—Arrived: St. Louis, from New York; Soudan, from New York; the S. S. "Spartan," from New York for Rotterdam. Queenstown—Arrived: Majestic, from New York. Lizard—Passed: Pacific, from New York. Boulogne—Arrived: New York, from New York. Travels, from Bremen for New York.

McCoey and Maber to Fight. New York, Nov. 29.—Kid McCoey and Peter Maber will fight twenty rounds at catch weights in the Coney Island Sport club on December 25. This is the fourth time within a month that a date has been fixed for a fight between these men. This was arranged today.

WILL FUSE WITH THE DEMOCRATS. PROBABLE COURSE OF THE SILVER REPUBLICANS.

The National Committee at Chicago Adjourns to Meet Again at Call of the Chairman—Mr. Towne Gives Out the Official Statement of Action of the Committee—Pledges Made Covering Expenses of Holding National Convention.

Chicago, Nov. 29.—The special meeting of the national committee of the Silver Republican party adjourned today to meet again at the call of the chairman, after having taken action that practically assures the fusion of the party with the Democratic and Populist parties, the endorsement of the Democratic platform and the presidential candidate of that party. The sub-committee appointed yesterday to decide on the most practicable date and place for holding the national convention was also to report on matters of practical organization for the campaign, the apportionment of delegates from the various states to the national convention, submitted its report to the committee today and after a lengthy discussion its recommendations with one or two minor amendments were adopted. The sub-committee recommended that all of the matters in question be referred for action to the executive committee, or, with the assent of Senator F. T. Du Bois, of Idaho, its chairman.

Committee's Statement. Chairman Towne gave out the following official statement of the action of the committee: A resolution was unanimously adopted that a national convention of the silver republican party be held and the executive committee was instructed to confer with the democratic and populist national committees in an effort to secure, if possible, the holding of all three national conventions at the same time and place, and at the earliest practicable date, to the end that complete co-operation of the reform forces may be had. The executive committee was authorized to determine the number of delegates to the national convention, the same to be not less than two thousand, to arrange the basis of selection and to allot the representation from each state. It was decided that the call for the convention shall include the names of the representatives of all those voters who heretofore, prior to 1896 or since, have acted politically with the Republican party but are bimetallics and favor the unrestricted and independent coinage of both gold and silver at the present legal ratio, and who are opposed to the policy of extending the gold standard in the United States by retiring the greenbacks, destroying the full money power of the existing silver dollar, providing for the payment of all government obligations and the redemption of all forms of paper money in gold, and who are in favor of a banking combination the sovereign function of issuing paper money.

Pledges were made covering the expenses of holding the national convention and Hon. Elwood S. Corser, of Minneapolis, was chosen treasurer of the committee with instructions to maintain relations of cooperation with the Democratic and Populist national committees.

MORE ELECTION FRAUDS. Three Arrests Have Been Made in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Nov. 29.—More election frauds were unearthed in this city today and three arrests have been made. Those arrested are Samuel R. Markley, an assessor; Frank Taylor, and Joseph S. Hogan. They, with others who have not yet been apprehended, are charged with casting illegal votes, making false and fraudulent returns of election and falsely personating election officers in the Twelfth division of the Fifth ward. The men were held in \$1,000 bail for court.

At the hearing it was shown that 252 votes were cast in the division, although only 208 names are on the assessor's list, the return of the division on the vote for state treasurer was: Barnett (Rep.), 247; Creasy (Dem.), 4; Caldwell (Pro.), 1.

It was testified by a municipal legislator who reached the voting place at 7:45 a. m. on election day, forty-five minutes after the place was opened that 80 votes had been cast at that time. It was also brought out that a large number of vouchers had been forged. The police are looking for others for whom warrants are out in connection with election frauds in this division.

Pennsylvania Earnings. Philadelphia, Nov. 29.—The monthly report of the Pennsylvania Railroad company for October, 1899, compared with the same month last year, and for ten months ending October 31, 1899, compared with the same period in 1898, shows: Lines directly operated: For the month, gross earnings, increase, \$974,500; expenses, increase, \$682,000; net earnings, increase, \$292,500. For ten months: Gross earnings, increase, \$5,372,300; expenses, increase, \$4,828,000; net earnings, increase, \$544,300. Lines west of Pittsburgh: For the month, gross earnings, increase, \$67,100; expenses, increase, \$35,500; net earnings, decrease, \$31,600. For ten months: Gross earnings, increase, \$374,400; net earnings, increase, \$1,377,900.

Coal Price Advanced. Philadelphia, Nov. 29.—The coal companies of this city today announced that owing to the short supply of anthracite coal it is necessary to make an advance of from 25 to 50 cents per ton, to take effect on December 1. The advance in most cases will be about 25 cents. An increase of 25 cents will also be made in buckwheat coal.

Scranton Charter Granted. Harrisburg, Nov. 29.—A charter was issued by the state department to the Theodore A. White Manufacturing company, Scranton; capital, \$40,000.

Joe Walcott Wins. Utica, N. Y., Nov. 29.—Joe Walcott got the decision over Dan Crockett at the end of the twentieth round tonight.

INVESTORS' TRUST CLOSED. Another Wild Cat Business House is Taking a Holiday.

Philadelphia, Nov. 29.—The office of the Investors' Trust, a concern in this city many believe to be affiliated with Miller's Franklin syndicate, of Brooklyn, remained closed today and none of the officials could be found. No charges have been preferred against the members of the company by the investors or by the postal authorities. Notwithstanding this the trustees have gone out that the officials of the Franklin syndicate, Miller's Brooklyn concern, and the Investors' Trust, are either identical or in touch with each other. The Investors' Trust has good balances in two banks here. The greater portion of the concern's business was from points outside the city. The post-office officials have had no complaints, but the trust's office is closed. All mails directed there is held awaiting identification.

Lipman Keene, about whom nothing is known here, is the president of the Investors' Trust, and Charles L. Work, general manager. The latter is the son of George F. Work, who was implicated in the operations of MacFarlane, Puffer & Dunagan, in wrecking the Bank of Northampton and the National Life Insurance company in 1895, for which they were sent to the eastern penitentiary. The concern started about four years ago and promised large profits for small investments. In a circular issued the company stated: "Invest with us can count on an average of 1 to 20 per cent. monthly profit, and that an investment of \$500 will yield a regular income of from \$75 to \$100 a month."

Not being chartered it was not subject to state banking laws or under supervision. Information regarding the Investors' Trust is difficult to obtain, as the only two men who know anything of the concern cannot be found. No one here knows anything of Lipman Keene, whose name appears on the stationery of the company as the president of the concern. Lewis and Charles L. Work, who have had charge of the office, have disappeared.

The concern did very little, if any, business in this city, its customers coming from all parts of the country. Persons who have money invested with the trust are beginning to appear at the office, but they cannot get any satisfaction. A man from Wrightsville, N. J., who has \$750 on deposit with the concern, called at the office, but found it locked. Others to appear were a woman from Boston, who had invested \$600 for a blind brother, and a man who declined to give his residence, but who said he had placed \$750 with the trust company. Bank messengers holding checks from \$75 to \$500 also made their appearance, but left, carrying the documents with them.

Not one complaint has as yet reached the federal or city authorities, but Captain of Detectives Miller said today that he will promptly take up the matter should a complaint be made to him. A large quantity of mail has accumulated at the postoffice, but it is being held for the only reason that no one is at the office of the company to receive it.

REESE REFUSES FAVORS. Willing to Serve His Sentence in Jail.

Fort Scott, Kan., Nov. 29.—John P. Reese, member of the national executive board of the United Mine Workers of America, sentenced to jail for three months for contempt of the federal court, has refused the offer of United States Judge Williams for special jail privileges at Topeka, saying "he has no preference of preference of prisons in which he is unjustly confined."

Reese had been sentenced to the federal prison here, but when Judge Williams learned that the accommodations were poor, he ordered him taken to the Topeka jail, where he could have the sole use of a corridor.

"BILL" ANTHONY BURIED. The Hero Laid to Rest in Evergreen Cemetery.

New York, Nov. 29.—"Bill" Anthony, of the Maine, was buried today in the cemetery at Evergreen cemetery, Brooklyn. The funeral took place from the chapel of an undertaking establishment on Twenty-third street, Manhattan. The chapel was crowded to the doors. The service began with the singing of "Rock of Ages."

Rev. A. W. Hodder read the funeral service and Rev. Stephen Merritt delivered an eulogy on the dead sailor. A poem entitled "Bill Anthony, hero," was recited by "Aunt" Louisa Eldridge, the actress. There were many beautiful floral gifts, among them being a handsome wreath of laurels tied with purple ribbons, which has been placed in the casket early in the day by Emma Nevada, the singer.

Telegraph Rates Reduced. New York, Nov. 29.—The Western Union Telegraph company announces that on account of the war between Cuba and the United States, the rates for telegraphic messages between Havana, Cuba, and New York and all places east of the Mississippi river, including St. Louis and Minneapolis, will be 25 cents per word and that the rate to all other places west of the Mississippi river will be 30 cents per word, the present rates are respectively 25 and 30 cents per word.

SIX PERSONS KILLED IN A WRECK. Alexander Craig, Wife and Two Daughters Supposed to Be Among the Victims.

Paterson, N. J., Nov. 29.—Six persons were killed and a score or more injured, five fatally, in a wreck shortly after 7 o'clock this evening, on the Lackawanna, at the VanWinkle street crossing, a few hundred feet west of the Paterson station.

WERE ON WRECKED TRAIN. A Medal Found on One of the Bodies Taken from the Wreck Corresponds with a Medal That Mr. Craig Had in His Pocket When He Left the City—Story of the Cause of the Wreck—Interview with Man Who Returned from Scene.

Special to the Scranton Tribune. Paterson, N. J., Nov. 29.—One of the dead bodies taken from the wreck is supposed to be that of Alexander Craig, business manager of The Scranton Tribune. He is a man about 45 years of age and in his coat pocket was a mileage book marked Scranton Tribune. In one of his vest pockets was a medal with the name "Willard Craig," stamped upon it.

The bodies of a woman and two girls, one about 12 and the other 18, were found close to that of Mr. Craig. The laundry mark on the woman's collar is the same as that on Mr. Craig's collar. The girls are supposed to be their daughters.

STORY OF THE WRECK. Buffalo Express Run Into While Standing at Paterson Station.

Paterson, N. J., Nov. 29.—Six persons were killed and a score or more injured, five fatally, in a wreck shortly after 7 o'clock this evening, on the Lackawanna, at the VanWinkle street crossing, a few hundred feet west of the Paterson station.

The list of dead and injured so far secured is as follows: WILLARD CRAIG, probably on New York Tribune. UNKNOWN WOMAN, aged between 20 and 29 years. UNKNOWN GIRL of eighteen years. UNKNOWN GIRL of twelve years. WALTER J. WELLSBROOK, Cornell student, Ithaca, N. Y. D. B. O'BOYLE.

The three females were relatives of Craig and were traveling with him. The injured include: Max Moscovitz, 35 Cannon street, New York. J. Gordon, 133 Fifth avenue, New York. P. E. Platts, 364 Tompkins avenue, New York. Sterling S. Smith, Scranton, Pa.; Miss Agnes McDonald, Oxford, N. Y.; both legs broken. Samuel Mendelsohn, Wilkes-Barre; legs broken.

Mrs. Mamie Doyle, Binghamton; arm broken and crushed. Miss Lizzie Kane, Binghamton; feet crushed. David Roe, Ithaca; right leg crushed. Oscar Aronson, Scranton, Pa.; legs crushed. John White, Ithaca; leg broken, badly cut by glass. Louis Daren, Dover, N. J.; head and legs badly cut. Louis Freedman, Scranton; legs crushed and head bruised. Charles Remsen, Brooklyn; thought to be internally injured. William C. Ossel, Chicago; leg crushed. Daniel Maxwell, Hackettstown, N. J.; seriously bruised and cut. McMoran, of Michigan; slightly injured. F. J. Leonard, Scranton; hand bruised.

TRAIN WAS LATE. Train No. 6 which leaves Scranton at 3:35, was due to arrive at Paterson at 6:55, but owing to a hot box was seventeen minutes late. This gave the west bound express train No. 7 the precedence at Paterson station and No. 6, in consequence had to wait for No. 7 to pull out before she could pull in.

No. 7 was just starting out and No. 6 was about to get under way to draw up to the station when No. 96, the Philadelphia-Jersey City accommodation, which was on time, came thundering down the line and crashed into the rear of the No. 6 express. The two last cars of the express were telescoped and almost every passenger in them was either killed or injured. The last car, a smoker, was driven through the day coach, immediately ahead, until its front end was within [Continued on Page 2]

THE NEWS THIS MORNING. Weather Indications Today: GENERALLY FAIR.

- 1 General—Fatal Wreck on the D. & L. Philadelphia's Destructive Fire, Boers Whipped at Modder River, Silver Republicans Will Fuse with Democrats. 2 General—Northern Pennsylvania, Financial and Commercial. 3 Local—Litigation Over Poplar Street Court Proceedings. 4 Editorial, News and Comment. 5 Local—Shocking Crime of John Lutz, of Pittston. 6 Local—West Scranton and Suburban. 7 Round About the County. 8 Local—Live Industrial News, Condition of the Buildings Trades.

FLINN CASE CLOSED. Two or Three Weeks May Elapse Before There is a Decision.

Pittsburg, Nov. 29.—The testimony in the suit of the City of Pittsburg against State Senator William Flinn, Major W. C. Moreland, W. H. House and Booth & Flinn, was closed at noon today. The lawyers on both sides asked for time to prepare their arguments, and Judge J. W. F. White fixed Tuesday morning as the time for hearing them. The testimony today was dry, except that given by Major Moreland in his own behalf. He went on the stand to tell that he had no knowledge of the check transactions until he was shown the checks. He also said that he did not know how many private checks he had drawn nor the aggregate amount of them.

John Melick, an expert accountant, testified that an examination of the books he had made on this case, showed that the city was in debt to Booth & Flinn to the amount of \$395,000. Counsel for Senator Flinn filed a statement of defense with the court this afternoon, showing that the greatest amount of money borrowed by Senator Flinn was \$74,000 in 1898, and the lowest amount the city and the city attorney were indebted to the firm of Booth & Flinn was \$89,000 in 1887. The counsel claimed that this showing demonstrated clearly that the defendant did not know it was city money he was borrowing, for the reason that if he had known the city had collected this money he would have claimed what really belonged to his firm.

It may be two or three weeks before there is a decision. Judge J. W. F. White has a large amount of documentary evidence to examine and his opinion is expected from him when he hands down his opinion. Presumably, the burglar who was on the south bank of the river, but whether, when the Boers retreated, they crossed the river before the British in the annals of the British army, if I can mention one man particularly, it is two batteries of artillery.

CALM IN IRON TRADE. Next Year's Ore Rate Fixed—Nothing Discouraging in the Situation.

Pittsburg, Nov. 29.—The American Manufacturer will say tomorrow: "The past week has been one of calm in every branch of the iron and steel industries, if the sub-divisions of machinery, etc., are excepted. With next year's ore rate fixed on a basis of \$5.50, Bessemer pig, in 1899, and the third quarter of 1900 at \$2.50, in the furnace, the prevailing quotations on billets for delivery during the same time, \$4 and \$5, is not likely to be shaved. But with so much business cleared off this year it is almost impossible for future conditions to approach the present high pressure. The spreading out of orders for raw and finished materials over so large a portion of range gives the country permanency of values, even though they may be higher than many believe absolutely essential to progress. Inquiry in Foundry irons are probably the most active raw material, but so much of the new year's production has been sold that even then the actual transactions are not significant. In Bessemer little iron has changed hands, except in several lots of from 2,000 to 5,000 tons for immediate use. Southern pig iron, at ruling prices at furnace, may be said to be actually out of this market. A moderate volume of business has been done in the cast iron and steel markets for the past few days. Inquiries are falling off. There is nothing whatever discouraging in the situation. The opinion seems to be widespread among western buyers that the top notch of values has been reached. They are, therefore, deferring purchases as long as possible. Makers are not weakening, the absence of customers being a relief rather than otherwise. Freight rates on southern pig iron, it is reported, will advance 15 cents to \$4.50 Jan. 1. The tendency of the southern iron manufacturers of looking for higher prices has again been set back by a comparatively dull week. At Birmingham iron bars have declined in strength, though the reduction in price is only a shade. Steel bars, on the other hand, are stronger and the quotations have advanced from \$2.40 to \$2.50, \$2.75. Boiler and tank plates are sheets are not up to recent strength and are lower in price.

Mine Fire at Shamokin. Shamokin, Pa., Nov. 29.—A fire which broke out at Shamokin colliery two months ago and which was supposed to have been extinguished by the slugging of the workings with culm was found today to be raging in the north department slope. If the fire extends along the vein to open ends connected with the Peoria and Sterling collieries over 80 men will be rendered idle.

Bond Purchase Time Extended. Washington, Nov. 29.—The secretary of the treasury today extended to and including December 23 next, the time within which he will purchase bonds under his recent offer.

BOERS AGAIN ARE ROUTED. British Defeat Free State Force at Modder River.

Burgers 8,000 Strong—English Troops Fought in Brilling Sun All That Time Without Food or Water. One of the Hardest and Most Trying Fights in the Annals of the British Army, Lord Methuen Says. News from Ladysmith.

London, Nov. 29.—The war office has received the following despatch from General Buller: "Cape Town, Tuesday, Nov. 28.—General Methuen reports: Modder River, Tuesday, Nov. 28.—Reconnitered at 5 a. m. enemy's position on River Modder and found them strongly entrenched and concealed. No means of outflanking by the river. Full action commenced with artillery, mounted infantry and cavalry at 5:30 o'clock. Guard on right, Ninth brigade on left. At 6:30 o'clock British extended formation at 6:30 o'clock and supported by the artillery, found ourselves in front of the whole Boer force, 8,000 strong, with two large guns, four Krupp's, etc. The naval brigade rendered great assistance from the railway. After desperate hand fighting, which lasted several hours, our men, without water or food in the burning sun, made the enemy quit his position. General Pole-Carew was successful in getting a small party across the river, gallantly assisted by 300 Sappers. I speak in terms of high praise of the conduct of all who were engaged in this battle, and most trying of the British army, if I can mention one man particularly, it is two batteries of artillery."

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London, Nov. 29.—The Standard publishes the following despatch from Ladysmith, dated Tuesday, November 21: "Last Saturday I had a whole sackful of my correspondence returned to me, showing the difficulty of communicating with the outside world. 'The Boers commandeered us almost daily, but there have been few casualties.' Evidently the object of the enemy is to exhaust the spirits of the British troops by incessant harassment. The prospect of the British advance from the north has impelled them to redouble their efforts. They are mounting more guns and drawing the lines of investment closer."

CONSUL WILLIAMS. Is Expected at His Home in Rochester Next Sunday.

Rochester, Nov. 29.—Mrs. O. F. Williams, wife of Consul General Williams, who represents this country at Manila, yesterday received word from her husband in which he said that he expected to reach Rochester next Saturday. Mr. Williams was at Port Said when he wrote her the letter. He will arrive in this country via New York and intends to come direct to this city.

More Men Strike. Philadelphia, Nov. 29.—In response to an appeal made by the striking workmen of Cramp's ship yard, eleven-five resisters, drillers and riveters came to their tools and joined the ranks of the strikers for a nine-hour day. It is asserted by the strikers that over 1,500 men are now out and that every department in the yard, including the pattern makers are represented in the movement for a shorter workday and better wages.

WEATHER FORECAST. Washington, Nov. 29.—Forecast for Thursday and Friday: Generally eastern Pennsylvania, generally fair, with moderate temperature Thursday and Friday; fresh southerly winds.